

GCSE

Religious Studies (World Religions)

Muslim Texts 2

Specimen Paper

B588

Time: 1 hour

Candidates answer on the question paper.

Additional materials: none

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the boxes above.
- Use black ink only.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer any **TWO** questions; you must answer all parts (a-c) of the two questions that you choose.
- Do not write in the bar codes.
- Do not write outside the box bordering each page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks for each question is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **48**.
- Quality of written communication is assessed throughout the paper
- Should you need more space to write your answers there is an extra page at the end of the paper.
- If you need to use this extra page you must number your answers clearly.

This document consists of **8** printed pages.

Answer **TWO** questions (a, b and c parts should be answered for **each** question).

1 The Prophet's Last Sermon

(a) Describe the teachings about equality which are found in the sermon.

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(b) Explain how the teachings in the sermon might affect the way in which a Muslim treats other people.

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(c) 'Everyone deserves to be treated equally.'

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Muslim texts in your answer.

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2 Hadith of the pond of Khumm

(a) Describe the occasion when Muhammad ﷺ spoke this Hadith.

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(b) Explain why Sunni and Shi'a Muslims may disagree about the meaning of this Hadith.

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- (c) 'The teachings of Muhammad ﷺ are never as important as those of the Qur'an.'

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Muslim texts in your answer.

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Extra Answer Space

Clearly label which question you are answering.

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Question Number	Answer	Max Mark
<p>1(a)</p> <p>1(b)</p> <p>1(c)</p>	<p>The Prophet's Last Sermon</p> <p>Describe the teachings about equality which are found in the sermon.</p> <p>Answers may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the sermon teaches equality amongst all Muslims and stresses the importance of the Ummah (the brotherhood of all Muslims); the sermon stresses the common ancestry from Adam and Eve; the sermon shows that Arabs and non-Arabs are equal and black and white people are also equal. <p>Explain how the teachings in the sermon might affect the way in which a Muslim treats other people.</p> <p>Candidates may consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> how a Muslim might treat other Muslims; how a Muslim might treat non-Muslims; the sermon says that all people are equal and that there is no superiority; however, some may suggest that the last section, which deals with the Ummah, might suggest that the brotherhood of Islam leads to a stronger bond between Muslims than one between Muslim and non-Muslims. <p>'Everyone deserves to be treated equally.'</p> <p>Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Muslim Texts in your answer.</p> <p>Answers may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> all people are equal so should be treated equally; some may refer to the sermon and consider that this equality is stressed in the Prophet's words; on the other hand some may consider whether the section 'except by piety and good action' means that equal treatment will depend on equal observance and submission to Islam. 	<p>[6]</p> <p>[6]</p> <p>[12]</p>
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<p>2(a)</p>	<p>Describe the occasion when Muhammad ﷺ spoke this Hadith.</p> <p>Answers may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> after Muhammad ﷺ made his last pilgrimage to Makkah he turned back towards al-Madinah; on the way back, he stopped at the pond of Khumm and praised Ali; 	

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2(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shi'a Muslims say that at this point Muhammad ﷺ nominated Ali to be his successor; Sunni Muslims say that a group of soldiers under the command of Ali were complaining to Muhammad ﷺ about Ali, and Muhammad ﷺ defended Ali by praising him. <p>Explain why Sunni and Shi'a Muslims may disagree about the meaning of this Hadith.</p> <p>Candidates may explain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the difference between the two accounts is central to believing that Muhammad ﷺ intended for Ali to succeed him as leader of the Muslim community; in this way the beginning of the split between Sunni and Shi'a Muslims can be seen; comment on the word 'malwa' which is sometimes translated as 'master' and sometimes as 'beloved friend'. <p>2(c)</p> <p>'The teachings of Muhammad ﷺ are never as important as those of the Qur'an.'</p> <p>Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Muslim Texts in your answer.</p> <p>Responses may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Qur'an is the revealed word of Allah and that therefore it must, by definition, be more important than the utterances of a human however important that person is; focus on the relative importance of the two and consider whether the teachings of the Prophet, whilst not as important as those of the Qur'an are nevertheless far more important than those of ordinary people who have not received the revelation as he did. 	<p>[6]</p> <p>[6]</p> <p>[12]</p>
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3(a)	<p>Describe the teachings about the Five Pillars in this passage.</p> <p>Answers can describe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the five pillars offering descriptions of them; that Shahadah is the statement about Allah and Muhammad ﷺ; the 'House' is the Kab'ah in Makkah. 	[6]
3(b)	<p>Explain the importance of these ideas for Muslim life.</p> <p>Responses may include explanation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Five Pillars as central to Muslim life; the importance of the Pillars; the Pillars influence aspects of Muslims life; the Pillars strengthen not only the life and beliefs of the individual 	[6]

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	but also the Ummah.	
3(c)	<p>‘The Hadith are not important because they were written by humans.’</p> <p>Discuss this statement. You should included different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Muslim Texts in your answer.</p> <p>Answers may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> weighing up of the relative importance of the Qur’an and Hadith; the Hadith are not as important as the Qur’an because the latter is the revealed word of Allah; because the Hadith contains sayings attributed to the Prophet they are nevertheless important to Muslims. 	[12]
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Assessment Objectives Grid (includes QWC)

Question	AO1	AO2	Total
1(a)	6		6
1(b)	6		6
1(c)		12	12
2(a)	6		6
2(b)	6		6
2(c)		12	12
3(a)	6		6
3(b)	6		6
3(c)		12	12
Totals	24	24	48

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